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REQUEST APPROVED.

And the Court congratulates Ms. Strauber and thanks her for her past service to the Court and, in advance, for her future service to the City.

Hon. Lewis J. Liman
United States District Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

2/15/2022 SO ORDERED.


LEWIS J. LIMAN
United States District Judge

RE: United States v. Ortiz-Molina, et al, 21 Cr. 173 (LJL),
Criminal Justice Act Panel Withdrawal

Dear Judge Liman:

I am Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") counsel to Mr. Ortiz-Molina in the above-captioned matter. I have been nominated by Mayor Adams to serve as the Commissioner of the City's Department of Investigation and expect to resign from the CJA panel, pending confirmation of my position by the New York City Council. I therefore respectfully request that I be permitted to withdraw as counsel for Mr. Ortiz-Molina and that my partner David Meister, with whom I share a seat on the panel, be appointed as counsel in my place. I have conferred with Judge Cathy Seibel concerning my withdrawal from the Panel and informed her that I would be making this proposal to the Judges in each of my CJA cases.

Further, I respectfully request that my partner Christopher Gunther, who intends to apply for admission to the CJA panel this May, and, if appointed, join the panel in January 2023, be permitted to serve as Associate Counsel to Mr. Meister in the above-referenced matter. Mr. Gunther, a partner in the Government Enforcement & White Collar Crime Group at the Firm for over twenty years, previously served two three-year appointments on the CJA Panel in the Southern District of New York,

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from January 2010 through the end of 2015. Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Gunther served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York for three and a half years, and as a law clerk to the Hon. J. Daniel Mahoney for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

I have advised Mr. Ortiz-Molina of my departure and he consents to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jocelyn E. Strauber

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